

# **FOSTER CHILD ADVOCACY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES BY STATE BAR DISTRICT**

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**COMPILED BY CALIFORNIA YOUNG LAWYERS' ASSOCIATION**

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In 2008 California Young Lawyers Association (CYLA) is piloting a new program, "Young Lawyers for Youth". CYLA will recruit young lawyers to provide advocacy services and assistance to foster children transitioning out of the foster care system into society.

Many excellent programs were evaluated prior to selecting the two partner programs for the 2008 launch of "Young Lawyers for Youth". All of the programs listed below provide assistance to young people in the foster care system and need volunteers to assist them in their efforts. CYLA encourages young lawyers to contact the following organizations for volunteer opportunities in their local area.

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## **District 1**

Butte, Colusa, Del Norte, Glenn, Humboldt, Lake, Lassen, Mendocino, Modoc, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, and Yuba counties

### **BUTTE COUNTY (CHICO)**

Youth and Family Programs  
Agency Director: Ralph Ward, M.S.W.  
2577 California Park Drive  
Chico, CA 95928  
Phone: (530) 893-1614  
Fax: (530) 893-5026  
Tollfree: 1(888) 893-8933  
Email: [general@youthandfamily.info](mailto:general@youthandfamily.info)

Website: [www.youthandfamily.info](http://www.youthandfamily.info)

Description: Eight different programs to assist foster children at different stages of their lives.

## **District 2**

Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Napa, Sacramento, Solano, Sonoma, Tuolumne and Yolo counties

### **SACRAMENTO**

Sacramento Child Advocates  
Executive Director Robert M. Wilson  
Sacramento Child Advocates, Inc.  
8745 Folsom Blvd, Suite 150  
Sacramento, CA 95826  
Phone: 916-364-5686  
Fax: 916-364-5687  
Email: [RWilson@SacChildAdv.org](mailto:RWilson@SacChildAdv.org)

Website: [www.sacchildadv.org](http://www.sacchildadv.org)

Description: Advocates are paired with children in the foster care system.

### **District 3**

Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo and Santa Clara counties

#### **SANTA CLARA COUNTY (SAN JOSE)**

Law Foundation of Silicon Valley  
Legal Advocates for Children and Youth  
Executive Director: Jim Bower  
111 W. Saint John St., Suite 315  
San Jose, CA 95113  
Phone: (408) 293-4790  
Fax: (408) 293-0106  
Email: [adelinad@lawfoundation.org](mailto:adelinad@lawfoundation.org)

Website: [www.lawfoundation.org](http://www.lawfoundation.org)

Description: Provides free legal representation, advocacy, and information to minors in Santa Clara County, and educates minors, parents, service providers, and attorneys on legal issues relevant to minors.

#### **SAN MATEO COUNTY (SAN MATEO)**

CASA of San Mateo County  
Advocates for Children  
Executive Director: Patricia Miljanich  
1515 S. El Camino Real, Suite 201  
San Mateo, CA 94402  
Phone: (650) 212.4423  
Fax: (650) 212.4422  
Email: [info@advocatesfc.org](mailto:info@advocatesfc.org)

Website: [www.advocatesfc.org](http://www.advocatesfc.org)

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### **District 4**

Marin and San Francisco counties

#### **MARIN COUNTY (SAN RAFAEL)**

Marin Advocates for Children  
Marin CASA Program  
Program Director: Cyndy Doherty  
30 N. San Pedro Road, Suite 275  
San Rafael, CA 94903  
Phone: (415) 507-9016  
Fax: (415) 507-9265  
Email: [cyndy@marinadvocates.org](mailto:cyndy@marinadvocates.org)

Website: [www.marinadvocates.org](http://www.marinadvocates.org)

Brief Description: Advocates are paired with children in the foster care system.

#### **SAN FRANCISCO**

CASA of San Francisco  
Executive Director: Caroline Fisher  
100 Bush Street, Suite 650  
San Francisco, CA 94104  
Phone: (415) 398-8001  
Fax: (415) 398-8068  
Email: [caroline@sfcasa.org](mailto:caroline@sfcasa.org)

Website: [www.sfcasa.org](http://www.sfcasa.org)

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### **District 5**

Fresno, Inyo, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Mono, Monterey, San Benito, San Joaquin, Santa Cruz, Stanislaus and Tulare counties

#### **SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY (STOCKTON)**

Child Abuse Prevention Council of San Joaquin, San Joaquin CASA  
Executive Director: Lindy Turner-Hardin  
540 N. California Street  
Stockton, CA 95202  
Phone: (209) 464-4524  
Fax: (209) 464-2272  
Email: [lturner@nochildabuse.org](mailto:lturner@nochildabuse.org)

Website: [www.nochildabuse.org](http://www.nochildabuse.org)

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#### **KERN COUNTY (BAKERSFIELD)**

CASA of Kern County  
Executive Director: Colleen A. McGauley  
2000 24<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 130  
Bakersfield CA 93301  
Phone: (661) 631-2272  
Fax: (661) 328-9787  
Email: [kerncasa@kerncasa.org](mailto:kerncasa@kerncasa.org)

Website: [www.kerncasa.org](http://www.kerncasa.org)

Brief Description: Advocates are paired with children in the foster care system.

#### **FRESNO/MADERA COUNTIES (FRESNO)**

CASA of Fresno and Madera Counties  
Executive Director: Nathan Lee  
1475 West Shaw Avenue  
Fresno, CA 93711  
Phone: (559) 244-6485 Phone  
Fax: (559) 243-0791 Fax

Website: [www.casafresno.org](http://www.casafresno.org)

Brief Description: Advocates are paired with children in the foster care system.

### **District 6**

Riverside, San Bernardino, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura counties

#### **RIVERSIDE COUNTY (RIVERSIDE)**

Riverside County CASA  
Executive Director: Deborah Sutton  
9991 County Farm Road  
Riverside, CA 92503  
Phone: (951) 358-4305  
Fax: (951) 358-4302  
Email: [dsutton@casariversidecounty.org](mailto:dsutton@casariversidecounty.org)

Website: [www.casariversidecounty.org](http://www.casariversidecounty.org)

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**District 7**  
Los Angeles County

**LOS ANGELES**

Children's Law Center of Los Angeles  
Executive Director: Leslie Starr Heimov  
201 Centre Plaza Drive, Suite 10  
Monterey Park, CA 91754-2178  
Phone (323) 980-1700  
Fax: (323) 980-1708  
Email: [rameyp@clcla.org](mailto:rameyp@clcla.org)

Website: [www.clcla.org](http://www.clcla.org)

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**LOS ANGELES**

Alliance for Children's Rights  
Pro Bono Coordinator: Diego Cartagena, Esq.  
3333 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 550  
Los Angeles, CA 90010-4111  
Phone: (213) 368-6010  
Facsimile: (213) 368-6016  
Email: [d.cartagena@kids-alliance.org](mailto:d.cartagena@kids-alliance.org)

Website: [www.kids-alliance.org](http://www.kids-alliance.org)

Brief Description: Represent children and their caregivers in legal matters, e.g., probate guardianships, foster care adoptions, financial benefits, healthcare, transitioning youth and special education.

**LOS ANGELES**

United Friends of the Children  
President: Polly Williams  
1055 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1955  
Los Angeles, CA 90017  
Phone: (213) 580-1850  
Fax: (213) 580-1820  
Email: [info@unitedfriends.org](mailto:info@unitedfriends.org)

Website: [www.unitedfriends.org](http://www.unitedfriends.org)

Brief Description: Assist foster children to succeed by providing college counseling and support services, offering school-related financial assistance and helping foster youth plan for their futures beyond college.

**District 8**  
Orange County

**SANTA ANA**

CASA, Orange County  
Executive Director: Greg Bradbard  
1615 East 17th St., Suite 100  
Santa Ana, CA 92705  
Phone: (714) 619-5151  
Fax: (714) 619-5152  
Email: [volunteers@casaoc.org](mailto:volunteers@casaoc.org)

Website: [www.casaoc.org](http://www.casaoc.org)

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**District 9**

Imperial and San Diego counties

**SAN DIEGO COUNTY (SAN DIEGO)**

Foster Youth Advocacy Program  
San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program  
Program Director: Dawn Davis  
625 Broadway, Ste, 925  
San Diego, CA 92101-5499  
Phone: (619) 235-5656  
Fax: (619) 235-5668  
Email: [ddavis@sdvlp.org](mailto:ddavis@sdvlp.org)

Website: [www.sdvlp.org](http://www.sdvlp.org)

Brief Description: Volunteers will advocate for foster children to ensure access to mental and physical health services, legal status as lawful permanent residents, special education assistance, and in variety of civil issues ranging from insurance/personal injury, to establishing special needs trusts or for future health and other needs.